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SUBJ: MFA COMMENT ON FUTURE OF JCRC IN THAILAND

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1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL AP REPORTER, SOURCE IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TOLD HIM LAST WEEK THAT QUOTE THAILAND WILL NOT LET JCRC STAY AFTER NEXT MARCH UNQUOTE. THE SOURCE TOLD HIM THAT THE US MAY QUOTE KEEP ONE OR TWO PEOPLE FOR LIAISON UNQUOTE IN MATTERS CONCERNING JCRC. FOR WHATEVER IT IS WORTH, THIS IS FIRST INDICATION WE HAVE HAD ON THAI THINKING ON FUTURE OF JCRC.

2. WE NOTE (CINCPAC 150135Z NOV 75) THAT CINCPAC RECOMMENDS RELOCATING JCRC OUT OF THAILAND IF POLITICALLY FEASIBLE. AS NEGOTIATIONS ON FORCE REDUCTIONS PROCEED, WE MIGHT FIND OURSELVES LOOKING FOR ACTIVITIES TO GIVE UP IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THOSE WE CONSIDER MOST IMPORTANT. WE SHOULD IDENTIFY SOME OF THESE BARGAINING CHIPS IN ADVANCE, AND JCRC MIGHT BE ONE OF THEM. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS.

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